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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROL OF APPLIANCE

COUPLER RETENTION AND WITHDRAWAL FORCES

December 12, 2006

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Office of Initial Patent Examinations Filing Receipt Corrections

Sir:

STATUS REQUEST RE: CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

A Petition to Correct Inventorship Under Rule 48(a) was filed on November 12, 2004 (copy enclosed) together with the \$130 petition fee. Public PAIR shows receipt of the Petition on November 12, 2004. To date, a corrected Filing Receipt has not been received to add the fourth inventor, Dan Kao. Please forward a corrected Filing Receipt adding the fourth inventor to undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.

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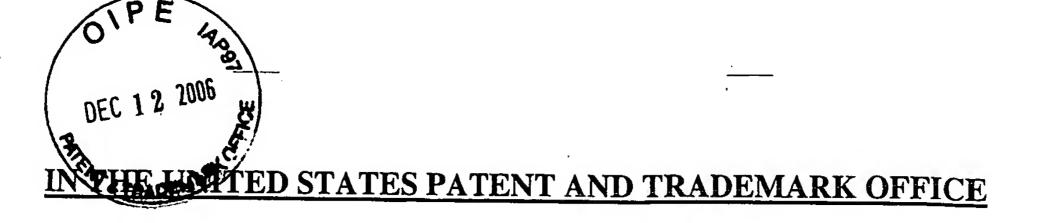
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PETITION TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP UNDER RULE 48(a)

Petition is hereby made to correct the inventors named in the above-identified application since the all of the actual inventors were not named through error without deceptive intent. The subject application inadvertently omitted inventor Dan Kao upon filing the above-identified application. Residence and citizenship information is as follows:

Dan Kao Chatswood, Australia – Citizenship: Australia

Following entry of this inventor, the full inventorship in the above-identified application will be as follows:

Philip James Jenkinson Nicholas Jerome Reed Philip Andrew Jones Dan Kao In support of this Petition, the fee of \$130 required by Rule 17(i) is attached.

CONCLUSION

In sum, the omitted inventor was not named through error without any deceptive intention on the part of the omitted inventor. Therefore, the granting of this Petition and the amendment of the above-identified application to reflect Messrs. Jenkinson, Reed, Jones and Kao as joint inventors is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

DECLARATION OF DAN KAO

- I, Dan Kao, am co-inventor of the above-identified application.
- I was erroneously omitted from being listed as a co-inventor of the aboveidentified application.
 - The inventorship error occurred without deceptive intent on my part.
- I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuedithereon.

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Dan Kao



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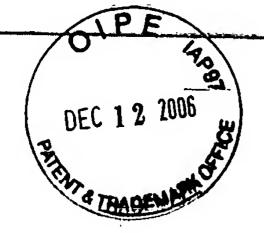
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Sir:

WRITTEN CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE

ResMed Limited, being the owner of all right, title and interest in the above-identified patent application, hereby acknowledges and agrees to the Petition to Correct Inventorship filed concurrently herewith for the above-identified application.

Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b)

ResMed Limited, a corporation having a place of business at 97 Waterloo Road, North Ryde, New South Wales, Australia 2113 states that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of assignments from the inventors to the aforesaid assignee, a copy of the assignment being attached and/or recorded at the United States Patent Office on November 20, 2003 at reel 014717, frame 0257; at reel 014717, frame 0254; at reel 14717, frame 0249; at reel 14717, frame 0260; at reel 014717, frame 0337; and at reel 014717, frame 0222. A copy of the

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assignment or assignment chain establishing ResMed Limited's ownership of Dan Kao's interest is attached.

The undersigned (whose title is typed below) is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of ResMed Limited.

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ASSIGNMENT Inventors to ResMed (R&D) Limited

WHEREAS, I, Dan KAO whose postal address is shown below, have made a certain new and useful Invention relating to METHOD & APPARATUS FOR CONTROL OF APPLIANCE COUPLER RETENTION AND WITHDRAWAL FORCES, for which application has been made for Letters Patent of the United States and which application may be identified in the United States Patent Office as Patent Application Serial No 10/602,532, filed on June 24, 2003, titled METHOD & APPARATUS FOR CONTROL OF APPLIANCE COUPLER RETENTION AND WITHDRAWAL FORCES, and

WHEREAS, I am the assignor of partial right, title and interest in and to that part of the Invention invented in the period up to and including June 30, 2002 which shall be referred to as the "Inventive Subject-matter" in this Assignment; and

WHEREAS, ResMed (R&D) Limited ABN 42 087 053 969 an Australian company (hereinafter ResMed R&D), whose postal address is 97 Waterloo Road, North Ryde, New South Wales 2113, AUSTRALIA, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said Inventive Subject-matter, said application, or any continuation, division, renewal, or substitute thereof, and the Letters Patent, or any reissue or re-examination thereof, to be obtained therefor:

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars Australian (A\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, I have sold, assigned, and set over and by these presents do hereby sell, assign and set over unto the said ResMed R&D, and ResMed R&D's legal representatives, successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said Inventive Subject-matter, said application or any continuation, division, renewal or substitute thereof, international and foreign and regional applications corresponding thereto, and the Letters Patent, both foreign and domestic, that may or shall issue thereon, or any reissue or re-examination thereof, and I do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to the above-mentioned ResMed R&D, consistent with the terms of this Assignment.

UPON SAID CONSIDERATION, I hereby covenant and agree with ResMed R&D that I will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with these presents, and that I will, at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration, but at the expense of ResMed R&D, execute such additional assignments and other writings and do such



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands on the date indicated below.

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WHEREAS, I am the assignor of partial right, title and interest in and to that part of the Invention invented in the period commencing July 1, 2002 which shall be referred to as the "Inventive Subject-matter" in this Assignment; and

WHEREAS, ResMed Limited, ABN 30 003 765 142 an Australian company (hereinafter ResMed), whose postal address is 97 Waterloo Road, North Ryde, New South Wales 2113, AUSTRALIA, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said Inventive Subject-matter, said application, or any continuation, division, renewal, or substitute thereof, and the Letters Patent, or any reissue or re-examination thereof, to be obtained therefor:

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars Australian (A\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, I have sold, assigned, and set over and by these presents do hereby sell, assign and set over unto the said ResMed, and ResMed's legal representatives, successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said Inventive Subject-matter, said application or any continuation, division, renewal or substitute thereof, international and foreign and regional applications corresponding thereto, and the Letters Patent, both foreign and domestic, that may or shall issue thereon, or any reissue or reexamination thereof, and I do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to the above-mentioned ResMed, consistent with the terms of this Assignment.

UPON SAID CONSIDERATION, I hereby covenant and agree with ResMed that I will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with these presents, and that I will, at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration, but at the expense of ResMed, execute such additional assignments and other writings and do such additional acts as ResMed may deem necessary or desirable to perfect ResMed's enjoyment of this



grant, and render all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, divisional, renewal, reissued or extended Letters Patent of the United States, or of any and all foreign countries, on said Inventive Subject-matter, and in enforcing any rights or chooses in action accruing as a result of such applications or patents, by giving, testimony in any proceedings or transactions involving such applications or patents, and by executing preliminary statements and other affidavits, it being understood that the foregoing covenant and agreement shall bind, and inure to the benefit of, the assigns and legal representatives of all parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands on the date indicated below.

Dan KAO

Residence Address: 16/44 Archer Street

Chatswood

New South Wales 2067

AUSTRALIA

7/7/04.

Date Signed

Witness

Name ERESHA STARIWARDEN

For and on behalf of RESMED LIMITED

Ву:

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13/7/04

ASSIGNMENT -

WHEREAS, ResMed (R&D) Limited ABN 42 087 053 969 an Australian company (hereinafter ResMed R&D), whose postal address is 97 Waterloo Road, North Ryde, New South Wales 2113, AUSTRALIA, is assignee of the partial right, title and interest in and to the Invention relating to METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROL OF APPLIANCE COUPLER RETENTION AND WITHDRAWAL FORCES, for which application has been made for Letters Patent of the United States and which application may be identified in the United States Patent Office as Patent Application Serial No 10/602,532, filed on June 24 2003, titled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROL OF APPLIANCE COUPLER RETENTION AND WITHDRAWAL FORCES, hereinafter referred to as the "Inventive Subject-matter";

WHEREAS, ResMed Limited, ABN 30 003 765 142, an Australian company (hereinafter ResMed) whose postal address is 97 Waterloo Road, North Ryde, New South Wales 2113 AUSTRALIA, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said "Inventive Subject-matter", said application, or any continuation, division, renewal, or substitute thereof, and the Letters Patent, or any reissue or re-examination thereof, to be obtained therefor:

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars Australian (A\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, ResMed R&D has sold, assigned, and set over and by these presents does hereby sell, assign and set over unto the said ResMed, and ResMed's legal representatives, successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said "Inventive Subject-matter", said application or any continuation, division, renewal or substitute thereof, international and foreign and regional applications corresponding thereto, and the Letters Patent, both foreign and domestic, that may or shall issue thereon, or any reissue or re-examination thereof, and ResMed R&D does hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to the above-mentioned ResMed, consistent with the terms of this Assignment.

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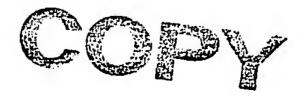
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands on the date indicated below.

For and on behalf of RESMED (R&D) LIMITED

7 Nov 2003 KS 12 July 2009

For and on behalf of RESMED LIMITED



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